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FRIDAY MORNING

Convened on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, and the two following days.

1. Services were introduced by Elder Alex Stephens and prayer by Bro. Sam Calhoun. Then came Elder Johnnie King and preached the introductory sermon from St. Luke 22nd chapter and 29th verse: "And I appoint unto you a kingdom as my Father hath appointed unto me."

2. After which the delegates sent from the several churches composing New Hope Association of United Baptists met at a nearby schoolhouse for business, as follows: a short exhortation by Elder Johnnie Crum, and prayer was offered by Bro. Henry Porter, after which the presiding Moderator, Elder B. W. Craft, took charge and called on the clerk, Elder Alex Stephens, to read the Rules of Decorum, which were read, and the Moderator advised a strict compliance to same.

3. Appointed by the Moderator to see that order is kept while the Association is in session: Elder Wm. Hall and Bro. Richard Wills.

4. Also appointed Elder Wm. Hall and Bro. Richard Wills to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order.

5. Moved to seat transient ministers of our faith, to-wit: Elder Forrest Rigsby, Elder Burt T. Conn, Elder J. H. Conley.

6. Called for letters and messengers that bear them who compose New Hope Association. Letters read and received and messengers seated.

1. Prestonsburg Church—Elder A. J. Stevens, Bro. German Miller, Bro. Theodore Holbrook were delegates.

2. East Point Church—Elder Paris Music, Elder J. D. Music, Bro. Calvin Sturgill were delegates.

3—Little Rock Church—Bro. T. R. Prater, Bro. Amos Puckett were delegates.

4. Chestnut Grove Church—Bro. Milt Holbrook, Bro. Dave Prater were delegates.

5. Little Ella Church—Elder Frank McGuire, Bro. Wadford Tabor, Bro. Sammie McGuire were delegates.

6. Easter Church—Elder Ollie Walters, Elder F. F. Smith, Bro. Bill Shepherd were delegates.

7. New Hope Church—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Alex Stephens, Bro. Wallace Calhoun were delegates.

8. Little Dove Church—Elder Jim Fields, Bro. Wm. Shepherd, Bro. Henry Porter were delegates.

9. Cynthia Ann Church—Elder Johnnie King, Bro. Bee Compton, Bro. John Meade were delegates.

10. Clear Creek Church—Bro. Alford Reynolds, Bro. Wm. Boyd, Bro. Jack Moore were delegates.

11. Little Union Church—Elder Ernest Ward, Bro. W. C. Ratliff, Elder Dan Jacobs were delegates.

12. New Life Church—Elder S. G. Rice, Bro. Dave Conn, Bro. Jason Brown were delegates.

By move and second the above named delegates sit as New Hope Association.

7. By vote of the delegates, Elder B. W. Craft was chosen Moderator and Elder Johnnie King his assistant for the ensuing year, Elder Alex Stephens, Clerk, and Bro. W. C. Ratliff, assistant Clerk.

8. Called for new churches and received none.

9. Called for correspondent letters and messengers from correspondent associations of our faith and order and received as follows:

Paint Union—The letter was in the hands of Elder Theodore Williams, Elder L. T. Preston, Elder Johnnie Crum. Messengers were seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Tri-State Zion—Letter in the hands of Elder Leonard Walters, Elder Leonard Arrowood, Elder Lafa

Preston. Letter read and received and messenger seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Mt. Zion—No letter, no messenger.

Iron Hill—Letter in the hands of Elder Lonnie Murray, Elder T. J. Smith. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem—Letter in the hands of Elder Garfield Maynard, Elder Moses Marcum. Letter read and received and messengers seated by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Blaine Union—Letter in the hands of Elder J. T. Bailey. Letter read and received and messenger seated by the Moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship.

10. By move and second, we send letters and messengers to the above named Associations and appoint brethren to write them, to-wit:

To Paint Union—Elder Frank McGuire.

To Tri-State Zion—Elder Johnnie King.

To Mt. Zion—Bro. W. C. Ratliff.

To Bethlehem—Elder S. G. Rice.

To Blaine Union—F. F. Smith.

To Iron Hill—T. R. Prater.

11. Appointed on Bill of Arrangements for tomorrow, it being Saturday, to-wit: Elder Frank McGuire, Elder Johnnie King, Elder F. F. Smith, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

12. Moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUG. 26

1. Delegates re-assembled at the schoolhouse and singing Zion's songs as the Apostle Paul said, in the Spirit and understanding, and a short exhortation by Elder J. H. Conley and prayer by J. H. Conley.

2. Roll call and a quorum present.

3. Bill of Arrangements read and received and committee discharged.

4. Correspondent letters called for, read and received and messengers chosen to bear them:

To Paint Union—Elder B. W. Craft, Bro. Wm. Boyd, Elder Johnnie King, when convened with Cold Spring Church, Johnson county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1944, and two following days.

To Tri-State Zion—Elder Paris Music, Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Alex Stephens, when convened with Middle Fork Church, Martin county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1944, and the two following days.

To Iron Hill—Elder Frank McGuire, Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Johnnie King, when convened with Oak Spring Church, Boyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1944, and the two following days.

To Mt. Zion—Elder Frank McGuire, Elder Dan Jacobs, Bro. Ollie Back, when convened with Royalton Church, Magoffin county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1944, and the two following days.

To Bethlehem—Bro. Elige Porter, Bro. Ballard McGuire, Elder S. G. Rice, when convened with Bethel Church, Rednor county, W. Va., to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1944, and the two following days.

To Blaine Union—Elder Frank McGuire, Elder F. F. Smith, Elder Ernest Ward, when convened with Brushy Fork Church, Lawrence county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1945, and the two following days.

5. Our next union meeting will be held with New

Life Church, Banner, Floyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1945, and the two following days, and Elder B. W. Craft and Elder Alex Stephens and Ira Fields shall attend same.

6. Our next conference meeting will be held with Easter Church, Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1945, and the two following days, and Elder Johnnie King, Elder Ernest Ward, Elder Alex Stephens shall attend.

7. Report of our last conference meeting held with Clear Creek Church, Hi-Hat, Floyd county, Ky., on the 24th, and 25th of June, 1944, which convened on Friday before the 4th Sunday in June and the two following days, at which time and place the delegates composing the conference agreed unanimously that Clear Creek Church shall have our next association, to convene on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1945, and the two following days.

8. By voice of the delegates, Elder F. F. Smith will preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, and Elder Alex Stephens be his alternate.

9. Treasurer, Elder Alex Stephens, reports

left on hand	\$23.50
Contributions received today	50.25

Total	\$73.75
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10 Moved to have seven hundred copies of minutes of present association printed and the clerk shall superintend the printing and distributing same to the several churches.

11. By voice of delegates, for preaching tomorrow, Sunday—Elder F. F. Smith, introduce; Elder L. T. Preston, preach; Elder Leonard Wells, preach, and Elder B. W. Craft, close.

12. Clerk, Elder Alex Stephens, read the minutes of

present association and by move and second stood approved.

13. We tender our thanks to New Hope Church and the vicinity at large for their kindness shown our delegates and correspondent delegates through the three-day session of New Hope Association.

14. Moved for adjournment by a short exhortation by Elder Paris Music and prayer by Elder Paris Music, and singing "I Am a Little Scholar," and a farewell handshake that we will meet again in the sweet bye and bye where we will never part.

15. This done and signed by order of New Hope Association of United Baptists.

ELDER B. W. CRAFT, Moderator
ELDER JOHNNIE KING, Asst. Mod.
ELDER ALEX STEPHENS, Clerk
BRO. W. C. RATLIFF, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27

Third day at 10 o'clock a large crowd met at the church with the delegates and singing Zion's songs, and Elder F. F. Smith introduced and Elder T. J. Smith prayed. Then came Elder L. T. Preston and preached from the 10th chapter of Hebrews, and the 7th verse, "Then said I, lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me to do thy will, O God." Then came Elder Leonard Walters and preached from 15th chapter of Matthew, and 13th verse, "But He answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up." Then came Elder B. W. Craft and closed, and how wonderful the brethren were blessed with the preaching spirit and rejoicing by brothers and sisters as Jesus said, if they would hold their peace the stones would cry out.

OBITUARIES

ANDY SHEPHERD

With a sad heart I try to write a short sketch of my father, Andy Shepherd. He was born Feb. 12, 1858 and died May 30, 1943, age 85 years, three months and 18 days. To this union were born nine children, four boys and five girls. Two girls and one boy preceded him in death; three boys and three girls living to mourn his loss. He had 32 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren. He joined the United Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder B. W. Craft and lived faithful until death.

A loving father from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A vacant chair is in our home
That never can be filled.

Written by his son,

WM. SHEPHERD

AGGIE McINTOSH TURNER

Aggie McIntosh was born in Breathitt county on the 28th day of April, 1902. Was united in marriage to Tommy Turner on the 24th day of December, 1917, and to this union were born 12 children, seven boys and five girls. One deceased this life Nov. 26, 1937; the rest are left to mourn the loss of mother, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. She joined the United Baptist Church in April, 1927, and lived a Christian life until death. Just before the death angel came and took her away she told her dear companion and children not to grieve after me for I am going home to die no more, to live with my little baby and Jesus. So prepare to meet me in heaven some sweet day. Her funeral was preached by her brothers in Christ, Elder Oll'e Walters, Elder Frank McGuire and Elder Fred Smith.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF 1

NAMES OF CHURCHES	DELEGATES
Prestonsburg	Elder A. J. Stephens, Bro. German Miller, Bro. Theodore Holbrook..... Elder Paris Music, Elder J. D. Music,
East Point	Bro. Calvin Sturgill.....
Chestnut Grove..	Bro. Milt Holbrook, Bro. Dave Prater...
Cynthia Ann.....	Elder Johnnie King, Bro. Bee Compton Bro. John Meade.....
Clear Creek.....	Bro. Wm. Boyd, Bro. Alford Reynolds, Bro. Jack Moore.....
Easter	Elder F. F. Smth, Elder Ollie Walters, Bro. Bill Shepherd.....
New Life.....	Elder S. G. Rice, Bro. Dave Conn, Bro. Jason Brown.....
Little Dove.....	Elder Jim Childers, Bro. Henry Porter, Bro. Wm. Shepherd.....
New Hope.....	Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Alex Stephens, Bro. Wallace Calhoun.....
Little Rock.....	Bro. T. R. Prater, Bro. Amos Puckett.... Bro. W. C. Ratliff, Elder Dan Jacobs,
Little Union.....	Elder Ernest Ward..... Elder Frank McGuire, Bro. Woodford Tab
Little Ella.....	Bro. Sammie McGuire.....

Totals ...

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

	Baptized	By Letter	Received	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	Meeting Time	Feet Washnig Time
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				1		1	38		2nd Sat.	2nd Sun. Aug.
						3	114		4th Sat.	4th Sun. June
	2		1				33		3rd Sat.	3rd Sun. July
	2	2	3				41		4th Sat.	4th Sun. June
	2	1		3			14		2nd Sat.	2nd Sun. July
							79		2nd Sat.	2nd Sun. Aug
	1	10			1		41		3rd Sat.	3rd Sun. June
				1		1	54		1st Sat.	1st Sun. Aug.
					2		65		2nd Sat.	2nd Sun. July
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LEE HOLBROOK

Brother Lee Holbrook was born July 21, 1881, died July 12, 1944. Joined the United Baptist Church Aug. 10, 1930.

A loved one from us is gone,
But yet again we hope to greet thee
When this toilsome life is fled,
And in heaven we hope to meet thee
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Written by his family and his brother,

MILT HOLBROOK

MARTHA JONES

Sister Martha Jones, wife of Sam Jones, was born June 6, 1877, deceased March 1, 1928. She was married to Will Akers and to this union was born one son. She was married to Sam Jones, August, 1903, and unto this union were born seven children, two sons and five daughters, of whom three preceded her in death, leaving a dear husband and five children and a mother, two brothers and four sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She joined the Bapt'st Church Jan. 6, 1920, and lived a faithful member until death. Oh, how we miss her at home and in church. May her children think of the walks of mother and be lifted up in the spirit to walk therein. Sister Martha bore her sickness and prayed to die and died shouting in the jaws of death.

Say, mother and children, Sister Martha is gone and cannot return, but by the grace of God you can meet her again. I believe when Christ comes again in a cloud of His glory and His holy angels, Sister Martha will be with Him. Sister Martha is not dead but sleepeth until the last trumpet of God shall wake the dead.

Oh, how many times we heard her shout and clasp her hands and say she was ready to die. May God help all her brothers to pray for her children. It would do the writer good to see some of her children or sisters come and take her place.

My children cry, no mother by, to take them on her knee,

The breach is great, it doth create much grief as all may see.

Since it is so, let sorrow go, my God hath sent His rod,

He does His will, I must be still, and know that He is God.

Composed and written by ELDER ANDY JONES

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and duly sent to represent in the Association who shall be members whom they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall

have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in the union who shall violate the rules of the association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has

spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists,

are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His Church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His Church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

**NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS
AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES**

Elder B. W. Craft.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder T. J. Smith.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder R. D. Holbrook.....	Myrtle, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens.....	West Prestonsburg, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Andy Stephens.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth.....	Bonanza, Ky.
Elder F. F. Smith.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder John D. Music.....	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder W. K. Bayes.....	Emma, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson.....	Auxier, Ky.
Elder Ollie Walters.....	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Ernest Ward.....	Garrett, Ky.
Elder S. G. Rice.....	Banner, Ky.
Elder Johnie King.....	Harold, Ky.
Elder Ira Fields.....	Allen, Ky.
Elder Jim Fields.....	Allen, Ky.
Elder Dan Jacobs.....	Wayland, Ky.
Elder Everett Daniels.....	Garrett, Ky.

